



ASPCRO Bed Bug Committee 2016 Mid-Year Report April 18, 2016

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The Bed Bug Committee (Committee) met on April 23, 2015 in conjunction with the 2016 Annual Meeting in Ft. Lauderdale FL. In attendance: Tom Wright; Jonathon Berger; Steve Sims; Dave Scott; James Sargent; John Dalley; Tim Drake; Kim Kelly-Tunis; Jay Kelly; Jim Fredericks; Ralph Morris; and Norman Goldenberg.

After the welcome and introductions, the meeting began with a review of the 2015 Mid Year Meeting Report to the Board of Directors as well as a review of meeting agenda. No additional items or modifications to the mid-year report or agenda were made.

Discussion

Model Regulations - The Committee received a request from a member state to develop model regulations for canine scent detection; heat treatment; ozone treatment; and cold treatment including efficacy data. The Board requested that SLAs be polled to determine the need for model regulations and the priority order of activities for the Committee. Based upon the results of the poll, there was a need for model regulations for the aforementioned non-pesticidal treatment option. A recommendation was made to the Board, and the Board approved, drafting model regulations for the following (priority order): heat treatment; canine scent detection; ozone treatment and cold treatment. ***Current Status: Development of model regulations has not begun. This is the priority for the Committee. Next steps to be discussed.***

Additional Items

1. There is need to re-focus/clarify the “25b” discussion. It is not that “25b” products are the issue, in other words, being exempt from federal registration, it is the lack of efficacy; no efficacy; claims that are not true (i.e.: kills on contact vs. residual activity). ***Next steps?***
2. There continues to be interest in a Regulators Forum/25b bulletin board where SLAs could share information regarding efficacy/registration issues (joint AAPCO/ASPCRO). E-Commerce continues to be a challenge in the sale of 25b products. A forum could be expanded to include other pesticide related issues and items. ***Current status: Preliminary discussions with AAPCO have been held.***

3. There appears to be an interest in a Regulator/Industry Forum in which information could be shared, issues could be discussed, etc., perhaps an ASPCRO/NPMA effort? Would AAPCO be interested?
Next steps?
4. Education is still the key and there is a need for all stakeholders to be able to recognize legitimate sources of information related to bed bugs and their management.
 - a. News releases/PSAs for use by SLAs to address misinformation or provide good sources of information.
 - b. List of resources available from SLAs and outreach is needed.
 - c. Need to reach out and coordinate efforts with a variety of organizations for example, cities, departments of health, landlord/tenant organizations.*Next steps?*
5. There appears to be a need to engage the building/construction industry and the need for pest control considerations during the process, for example, building design, materials. Is someone addressing this issue? If not, is there funding available for research? Where does it fit best? Building Code Committee? Bed Bug Committee? *Next steps?*

MOVING FORWARD

The Committee will focus on those discussion items above during the 2016 Mid Year Meeting, specifically, those activities that the Committee will address during the coming year in addition to the development of model regulations. In addition, Committee Members that are willing to take the lead and/or serve on Ad Hoc Workgroups for specific items will be identified.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair - Bed Bug Committee